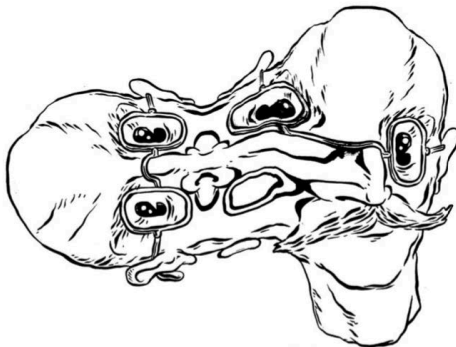


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HEAPS GOOD WINE COMPANY
MODRI PINOT 2017

Name: Heaps Good Modri Pinot

Classification: Dry white wine

Varietals: Pinot Noir

Appellation: Ritzonj, Pohorje Foothills, Lower Styria (Štajerska), Slovenia

Density & Yield: 5,000 vines/ha; 2 kg/vine

Annual Production: 880 bottles

Alcohol: 11.70%

Climate: Continental, with dry and hot summers, and snowy winters.

Terrain: Clay, with smaller amounts of sand and marl. Southern exposure, 400 meters altitude.

Farming: No irrigation. No herbicide. No cultivation. Environmentally friendly and sustainable viticulture, with respect for the land.

Vinification: Destemmed into open top fermenters, 15% whole bunches. Natural pre-fermentation cold maceration at ambient temperature for 9 days. No added yeast. Pressed to tank after the completion of alcoholic fermentation, a total of 19 days on skins, racked to barrel 24 hours after pressing. 500 L French barrels used. Malolactic fermentation allowed to spontaneously start. Racked from barrels in September 2018 and bottled with minimal sulphur addition.

Tasting Notes: The 'Ritzonj' tier of wines are the highest quality wines of Heaps Good Wine Co. and the barrel selection of all his vineyards. Nick's work excels in the cellar, perfecting the precise ferments, ageing and blends, and this is most prominent in these wines: nuanced and complex but always so vibrant and elegant. Starting with the 2022 vintage, Nick will begin dedicating his entire production to this level of production. For now, the production is very small while balancing his value-based wines.

Very elegant, with a hint of cherry fruit. Smooth tannins, firm acidity, well integrated oak. Cherry and plum fruit on the palate, supported by a subtle hint of rich coffee.

Winery: Heaps Good Wine Company is a small family owned and operated winery producing exceptional wines from local and international grape varieties. The vineyards are planted on the foothills of the Pohorje range near Slovenska Bistrica in the region of Stajerska, eastern Slovenia. Heaps Good Wine Co was founded by Marija and Nick Gee in 2010 and currently produces around 4000 cases of top quality wines each year.

"We - are free now. We, the grapes of Stajerska, the ones that New-Zealand born Nick got his mud-dirty, ample hands on. Gee, it's like good old times with him. Being picked when ripe - he's gently biting us to get his brews right. Then his cellar in Ritzonj - damp and tempered, earthy, it sounds like a light rain outside as the barrel ferments rip along. He's married to Slovenian girl, Marija with whom he fathered two sons, so he'll stick around for a bit. Has to. We, the grapes of Stajerska, demand it. Look, he's treating us fair - no freezing nor heating like it happens to our (s)kin elsewhere, no quick yeast hangovers and enzyme cold turkeys, we don't end up op-, sup- and eventually depressed like our grape brothers. Nick, who knows terror from terroir, is just pressing us, squeezing us, letting us be - and go. If it served to get the funky juice, he'd hug us dry." - Thomas Ernst Brunnsteiner